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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Bernd Vosteen, et al.  
Serial No. : 10/813,195  
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For REUSABLE ELASTIC ADHESIVE SHEET  
REDETACHABLE WITHOUT RESIDUE OR  
DAMAGE  
Art Unit : 1772  
Examiner : Nasser Ahmad

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February 6, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment  
Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction requirement dated December 1, 2005 (which is a repeat of the telephonic Restriction Requirement that applicant's responded to by telephone on 11/9/05), Applicants again elect Group I, claims 1-13 and 15-17, drawn to an elastic adhesive sheet, with traverse.

The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement between claims 1-13 and 15-17, drawn to an elastic adhesive sheet (denoted Group I by the Examiner) and claim

14, drawn to a process for producing the adhesive sheet (denoted Group II by the Examiner).

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested. Any search of the elastic adhesive sheet is certain to include a search of the process for producing it. Accordingly, no additional burden would be placed on the Patent Office in searching both groups together. By contrast, a very great burden will be placed on Applicants if this restriction requirement is maintained. Applicants will be subjected to twice the cost and effort in prosecuting two patent applications for an invention that should have been included in one, and will also be subjected to the continuing expense of maintaining two separate patents, whereas only one should be required to cover the full invention.

In addition, an additional burden will be placed on the public, in that the full scope of Applicants' invention will not be ascertainable from a single patent, and the public will have to find and study two separate patents to ascertain the full scope of Applicants' exclusive rights.

The great additional burden that will be placed on Applicants and the public in maintaining the restriction requirement is far greater than the slight, if any, additional burden that will be placed on the Patent Office in withdrawing the Restriction Requirement.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement.

In the event that the Examiner does not find it possible to withdraw the Restriction Requirement, it is respectfully requested that the non-elected subject matter be rejoined with the elected subject matter upon allowance of elected subject matter.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. Please charge the required petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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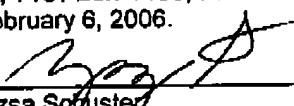
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